

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Erhard KREIS *et al.*

Application No.: **10/808,490**

Filing Date: 25 March 2004

For: Seal Arrangement for Reducing the Seal Gaps  
With a Rotary Flow Machine

Art Unit: 3745

Examiner: Verdier, Christopher

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**Via EFS-Web**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 9 February 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period of response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is filed concurrently herewith.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Kindly rewrite the following paragraphs of the Specification, as follows:*